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SUBJECT: NEW RUDE PRAVO WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT NAMED

1. MIALN JELINEK, AGE C. 20, HAS BEEN NAMED RUDE PRAVO'S NEW WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, THE PAPER'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS EDITOR TOLD THE PAO SEPTEMBER 8. JELINEK REPORTEDLY SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH, HAS TRAVELED IN ABOUT 30 COUNTRIES. "AND HAS A LOCAL FOLLOWING FOR HIS STYLE AND FOR HIS REPORTS." HE WAS IN VIETNAM IN 1975 AND WROTE A BOOK, OPERATION HO CHI MINH. PAO OFFERED TO CONDUCT A PRE-DEPARTURE BRIEFING FOR JELINEK, WHO PLANS TO LEAVE PRAGUE IN LATE SEPTEMBER.

2. MILOS KREJCI, 57, THE PAPER'S LONG-TIME WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, WILL RETURN TO PRAGUE, WHERE HE IS EXPECTED TO SPEND THREE YEARS WITH THE PAPER BEFORE RETIRING. DURING CALL PAO STRESSED HOW UNRESERVEDLY NEGATIVE EMBASSY FOUND KREJCI'S REPORTS ON AMERICAN LIFE AND POLICY. MIROSLAV KUBIN, PAPER'S NEW FOREIGN AFFAIRS EDITOR, AND FORMER BONN CORRESPONDENT, SAID THAT SURPRISED HIM, AS CZECHOSLOVAKS HAVE A HIGH REGARD FOR THE UNITED STATES. "WOULD THAT THIS WAS REFLECTED MORE IN THE PAPER," WAS THE REPLY.

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